

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	April 8, 2015
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	May 5, 2015
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	All
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Department of Mental Health (DMH)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Request approval to execute a Memorandum of Agreement/Space Use Agreement (MOA) between DMH and Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc. (TTC) to provide healthcare services at the Department's directly operated San Fernando Mental Health Center (SFMHC).
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<p>The purpose of this co-located project is to establish a one-stop health and behavioral health center in a community-based behavioral health setting that will effectively increase coordination between health and mental health providers by minimizing medical errors due to lack of information shared between providers, and increase accessibility for clients. The project is expected to improve outcomes for mental health clients who often suffer from a variety of health conditions but lack access to appropriate healthcare services.</p> <p>The health services provided by TTC will target the SFMHC Adult, Older Adult, and Transition Aged Youth clients with an established relationship with the mental health clinic who may not have a healthcare provider, or confront barriers to accessing healthcare in the community. Per the MOA, TTC will provide healthcare services to 2 to 3 clients per hour with a maximum of 18 per day when fully operational. TTC will staff the project with a Registered Nurse, Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner, a supervising MD, case manager, and peer support staff. In addition to the encounters with the Physician's Assistant there will be 5 to 10 patient encounters with the case managers and peer support specialists for clients' education and wellness activates.</p> <p>TTC will bill and receive reimbursement from the appropriate health plans available to TTC for the clients' healthcare services, and will fully fund the cost of medical supplies, including medical equipment and furniture needed for the start-up, as well as medication and lab work for indigent/uninsured clients. TTC will also assist with enrolling SFMHC clients into an available healthcare plans available to TTC.</p>
<b>DEADLINES</b>	None

<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	<p>There is no monetary payment between DMH and TTC. DMH will provide the following to TTC at no cost: 1) space usage; 2) telephone, fax line, internet access services; and 3) office machines.</p> <p>There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended action.</p>
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Approval of the recommended actions will allow DMH and TTC to provide integrated healthcare within a behavioral health home model, where coordination between treating providers will improve access to services and timely treatment of comorbid mental health conditions.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b>  <b>(Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)</b>	<p>Early in 2014, TTC approached DMH to collaborate in this effort based on its application and subsequent award in late 2014 of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant for primary and behavioral health integration project. The SAMHSA grant received by TTC will allow for the co-location of a healthcare provider at DMH's SFMHC clinic.</p> <p>TTC is a nonprofit organization with its headquarter office located at 18646 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA 91356, Third Supervisorial District, in SA 4. TTC opened its first clinics in Tarzana and Lancaster in 1995. As of today TTC operates a total of five clinics that are tightly integrated with TTC's behavioral health services.</p> <p>Board approval of the co-location of a health center within the SFMHC clinic is intended to accomplish the following: 1) overcome barriers to care through co-location; 2) improve healthcare outcomes through coordination of care at place of service; and 3) enhance effectiveness of coordination through real time collaboration between health and mental health professionals, thus improving the quality of care provided to mental health clients and overall quality of life.</p>
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